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## GERMAN WEST WING THRUST BACK?

### Reports From Battlefront Declare Allies Have Won Big Point

**BOTH ARMIES FIGHT EVERY INCH OF WAY: ALLIES FRESHER AND WIN 7 MILES, IS THE REPORT**

[Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable]  
BATTLEFRONT, France, Sept. 21.—After ten days of desperate fighting, the German west wing has been thrust back seven miles in the last forty-eight hours. Despite superhuman fatigue, both armies contested every inch of the way. The Allies had the freshest troops, although Berlin admits that General von Kluck, commanding the German forces on this wing, had been heavily reinforced.

#### French Aviators Say Germans Are Preparing For Early Retirement

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless]  
LONDON, Eng., Sept. 21.—The Allies are exerting every ounce of effort to turn General Von Kluck's wing.

French officers who have just arrived from the scene of battling at Soissons report that French aviators scouting over the German positions have seen signs that the Germans are withdrawing their heavy stores and main forces and are preparing to leave only 200,000 troops to hold a fortified line. Under cover of this fortified line, it is believed, a general retirement of the German forces will be attempted.

Meanwhile a desperate attempt to outflank the French right resting on Verdun continues to be made by the Germans, their attacks being of great strength.

Incessant rains and swollen rivers not only are impeding all movements of the troops over the country but are hampering the reconnaissance of the aviators. The movement of heavy artillery is paralyzed by the condition of the ground, the roads being a mass of mud.

Terrible hardships are being suffered by all the combatants owing to the severity of the fighting under the trying weather conditions.

Both sides are camping in the water and the trenches are nearly filled by the rains.

No official statement from Berlin was contained in the news despatches today up to the time the first edition of the Star-Bulletin went to press. The last word from Berlin was that the stout German fighting at Aisne had forced the Allies to take up defensive positions and intrench.

PARIS, France, Sept. 21.—An official statement from the French war office today says:

"On the left we have advanced to the heights of Lessigny, west of Noyons.

"Near Craonne there have been violent encounters, even bayonet charges, and the enemy has been everywhere repulsed. Considerable losses have been suffered by the Germans in these encounters.

"Around Rheims no infantry attacks have taken place, only an almost incessant exchange of heavy artillery fire.

"On the center, in Champagne, and on the western slopes of the River Aisne, we have taken Mesnilles sur Hurlus and Mas-siges.

"In the Woivre district the enemy still holds Thiaucourt.

"The situation in Lorraine and the Vosges remains unchanged."

#### Russians Continue to Take Austrian Prisoners, Says Petrograd Despatch

PARIS, France, Sept. 21.—A despatch to the Havas News agency from Petrograd (St. Petersburg) says that the Russians in the last three days have taken 15,000 prisoners, 150 officers and many Austrian cannon and supplies.

BERLIN, Germany, Sept. 21.—Official announcement says that the German war loan just called for has been heavily over-subscribed entirely without foreign aid.

The call was for a loan of \$500,000,000. More than \$1,500,000,000 has been subscribed.

## SAY FANNING ISLAND CABLE STATION TAKEN BY GERMANS

That the British cable station at Fanning Island has been captured by the Germans is the declaration of the San Francisco Examiner of September 5, contained in a news despatch from Vancouver, B. C. The Honolulu office of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company on September 7 announced that direct communication between Honolulu and Fanning had been interrupted and on the same day a despatch from Vancouver said the cable had been cut.

A week later the following despatch was published in the Examiner: "VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 14.—Definite news has reached Vancouver that the Germans have captured the Fanning Island cable station. Whether the men who landed on the island on Monday, September 7, were from the cruisers Nurnburg or Leipzig cannot be definitely ascertained. Communication was broken off so suddenly with the Bamfield (Vancouver Island) end of the cable that the Fanning Island operator was able only to send a message that armed men in uniform had landed and had entered the superintendent's office. Here the message stopped abruptly and the cable has been silent ever since. It is understood that the British admiralty are taking steps to restore communication with Australia and New Zealand. Meanwhile business from Great Britain and elsewhere is being despatched by the eastern route, through Persia, Further India and by the transcontinental telegraph across Australia."

### JUDGE CLEMONS STANDS PAT AND WILL NOT RESIGN

New Point Brought Up by His Attitude Must Now Be Threshed Out

HUMPHREYS CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE POSITION

No Appointment Now in Sight for Him, According to Washington

By C. S. ALBERT

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—The reorganization of the Hawaiian judiciary has reached another period of waiting and stagnation. This was occasioned by the retirement of Attorney-general McReynolds and the succession of Thomas W. Gregory. The new incumbent is seeking to familiarize himself with the status of affairs and learn the qualifications of all those proposed for vacancies. Department of Justice officials understand that Federal Judge Charles F. Clemons will not tender his resignation as requested. Their interpretation of his utterances when here in conference with Attorney-general McReynolds is that he positively declines to retire voluntarily. Further, he will contest his removal on the ground that such course is illegal. He claims that having been appointed for a specific term nothing but death or impeachment can terminate that service at an earlier date.

The officials frankly admit that this point has never been threshed out. As it stands the next move is up to the department of justice. The authorities there have reached no decision as to what it will be. They are looking up precedents and the laws bearing on the subject. They desire to ascertain whether the arbitrary removal of Judge Clemons can be accomplished. Nothing will be done until that point has been determined.

The name of A. S. Humphreys has not been under consideration in connection with the present plans for reorganization of the Hawaiian judiciary. This applies both to a judgeship and the bestowal of an advisory position upon him.

At the same time the name of Mr. Humphreys is under consideration for some future vacancy, either on the bench or in an advisory capacity.

It is admitted on all sides that the future service of Mr. McCarn depends on the outcome of his trial.

### CROCKETT NOT TO ENLARGE ITS PLANT, HE AVERS

E. Faxon Bishop, Home From Coast, Says Story Had Its Origin in Honolulu

"It's all tommyrot. 'All that I heard about it on the Coast was a report cabled from Honolulu."

E. Faxon Bishop thus disposed of the interesting stories current here ten days and more ago to the effect that the Crockett refinery, in consequence of the reduced transcontinental rates for sugar, would be taking Hawaii's entire crop of raw sugar within a measurable period, in a greatly enlarged plant.

"Last year we sent about 200,000 tons of sugar to San Francisco, and shall increase the amount but little if any this year. 'The capacity of the Crockett refinery has been increased about 25 per cent this year. They are working up about 825 tons a day now, against 675 tons formerly."

"The reduced transcontinental rates enable them to reach certain points east which they could not do before. 'No, there was no conference of our people whatever on the question of extending the operations of the refinery while I was over there."

With reference to the origination in Honolulu of the reports thus contradicted there were several articles published in the local papers which may have been responsible. On the receipt of a special cablegram, together with an Associated Press despatch on August 26, telling of the reduction of transcontinental railroad rates the Star-Bulletin published a comment by

### MAKES SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOES IN EAST PRUSSIA



General Rennenkampf, in command of the Russian forces in East Prussia, who is reported to have made a victorious campaign.

### INDETERMINATE SENTENCE NOT LEGAL—ASHFORD

Jurist Rules Act to be Unconstitutional; Will Aid Decision From Higher Courts

In an oral decision Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford this morning ruled that in his opinion the indeterminate sentence act, under which convicted persons have been sentenced since 1909, is unconstitutional. In accord with the decision he said Kim Soon Gun, a Korean, who recently pleaded guilty to second degree burglary, a sentence of five years' imprisonment at hard labor. Under the provisions of the indeterminate sentence act the prisoner's penalty would have been not less than two years nor more than 10 years in jail. By this move Judge Ashford now proceeds and will continue to proceed as though the indeterminate sentence law had never been enacted. He may be checked, however, if the supreme court should pass upon the subject and rule adversely, deciding the statute is constitutional, and it is deemed quite likely the matter will go before that tribunal in the very near future.

Judge Ashford's decision this morning is the result of the discussion which took place in his court about a week ago between amici curiae, or friends of the court, and the attorney-general and county attorney. In announcing his opinion today he stated that he would do his share in assisting to have the question taken before

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### TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
At Chicago—Washington 6, Chicago 1 (13 innings).  
At Cleveland—Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 4.  
At St. Louis—New York 5, St. Louis 3.  
At Detroit—Boston 8, Detroit 8 (called end of eleventh inning on account of darkness).

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
At New York—Chicago 6, New York 0.  
At Boston—Boston 5, Pittsburgh 5.  
At Philadelphia—St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 3.  
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 9, Cincinnati 6 (first game); Brooklyn 8, Cincinnati 2 (second game).

### How They Stand

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	79	55	.590
New York	76	60	.559
Chicago	73	66	.525
St. Louis	71	66	.518
Philadelphia	67	72	.482
Brooklyn	64	74	.463
Pittsburgh	62	74	.456
Cincinnati	56	81	.409
AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	90	49	.648
Boston	82	55	.599
Chicago	66	74	.471
Detroit	73	68	.518
Washington	69	64	.519
St. Louis	62	73	.459
New York	64	76	.457
Cleveland	46	93	.331

### COMMON PEOPLE IN IGNORANCE IN WARRING LANDS

Johannes F. Eckardt Was in Kaiser's Land When Peace Propaganda Ceased

BUT LITTLE NEWS IS GIVEN OUT IN EUROPE

Local Man Made Tracks for Home When German Army Commenced to Mobilize

"Though their sons, fathers, husbands and sweethearts all are marching away under military arms, and though they may at any moment be in the midst of a great battle the common people in the war-stricken countries of Europe know practically nothing of what is going on at the front. Though I have come direct from Germany and England I can tell little more than you people of the United States for, like you, my information had to come from the newspapers and the official accounts censored by the French and British military authorities."

Such is the statement of Johannes F. Eckardt, superintendent of the Queen's Hospital, who arrived home on the steamer Sierra this morning. On a six months' leave of absence he left Honolulu April 4 for the benefit of his health and was visiting his relatives in Germany and Austria until August 1, when the mobilization of the Kaiser's armies began and Eckardt hastily packed a few of his belongings and departed from the war zone.

The German mobilization began August 1 and about 5 o'clock the next morning Eckardt was on his way from the home of his sister at Wagenfeld, near Hanover, to Bremen, where he journeyed by rail across Holland and arrived 24 hours later at London. One of the first refugees to escape from the European continent, he missed much of the great excitement in his home country though he saw excitement enough, and still more of it when he reached London, where he was detained eleven days.

Left His Trunk Behind.  
"I did not take time to pack my trunk, leaving it at my sister's home," he said today. "Now I am glad, because if this war ever ends I may recover it some day. With two grips I made my way to Bremen, where the American consul advised me to get out of the country as quickly as possible."

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### FIVE WITNESSES TAKE STAND IN M'CARN CASE

Testimony Regarding Affray in Federal Building Corridor is Corroborative

The calling and examination of five witnesses by the territory, and an occasional exchange of remarks between counsel for defense and the prosecution, were the only features which marked the beginning of the trial of District Attorney Jeff McCarn before Judge William L. Whitney in the circuit court this morning. The witnesses called were Harry T. Lake, E. H. Boyd, Sidney Smith, George A. (Bert) Bower and Antoine Ogen, all of whom were called upon by the prosecution to tell their stories of the McCarn-McBride affair in the corridor of the federal building on the afternoon of May 5, 1914, and were then subjected to a rather grilling cross-examination by Attorney Joseph Lightfoot, one of the counsel for the district attorney.

With one exception, the stories of the witnesses regarding the alleged scuffle between McCarn and McBride were not conflicting. The first four witnesses stated they were positive that McBride struck and grappled with McCarn after the latter had made a movement as if to draw a revolver from his right-hand hip pocket. Antoine Ogen, who was called last, stated that McCarn had reached toward his hip pocket and McBride had struck him simultaneously. E. H. Boyd, who was the second witness called, stated that he had seen the butt of a revolver in McCarn's hip pocket, and that he had seen a revolver in the hands of Henry Hussian at the close of the affair. Ogen said that, during the scuffle which ensued while the spectators were endeavoring to part McCarn and

### BELGIUM OFFERED CONCESSIONS IF THEY WILL LET COMMUNICATIONS OF GERMANS ALONE, SAYS RUMOR

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]  
BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept. 21.—Germany has offered an armistice and proposed to evacuate the Belgian towns occupied by her troops and to allow the resumption of civil government therein if German communications through Belgium are made free from molestation. Belgium has refused this offer.

#### Only Crumbling Walls Remain of Great Rheims Cathedral, Is Report

CHALONS SUR MARNE, France, Sept. 21.—The Germans continued bombarding the cathedral, museum and hospital of Rheims all last night. Only crumbling walls remain of the great cathedral, which was one of the most remarkable examples of early Gothic art that had been extant.

BORDEAUX, France, Sept. 21.—From the seat of the French government here, a formal protest has been sent out to the world against what is alleged to be needless destruction of the Rheims cathedral by the German forces.

#### Petrograd Again Reports Przemysl Invested; Austrians on Defensive

PETROGRAD (St. Petersburg), Sept. 21.—An official statement from the Russian war office says:

"The Austrian stronghold of Przemysl has now been completely invested. The fortress has opened fire on the Russian forces. Our troops, upon coming up close to the fortress, found several Austrian batteries abandoned in the woods."

## CABLE FROM TOKIO REPORTS VICTORY FOR THE JAPANESE

[Special Cable to Hawaii Shipco]  
TOKIO, Japan, Sept. 19.—The Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Tsingtau fortification have made a violent and successful attack upon the fort and, using efficient artillery service, succeeded in destroying the enemy's first line of defense.

After breaking down the defense line the Japanese took possession of Won See hill, northeast of the fort. This hill is considered a most important strategic point, being at an elevation of 600 meters and occupying a commanding position.

### EARTHQUAKE JOINS ERUPTION AT MT. LASSEN

Wireless News Breaks Into War Despatches Indicating Shock Just Felt

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 21.—A distinct earthquake shock accompanied the forty-eighth eruption of Mt. Lassen, California's recently active volcano, today. A new crater has opened a mile below two others. [The wireless message above was sent as a "flash" at 12:28 o'clock today in the midst of war despatches, indicating that the earthquake shock had just been noticed in San Francisco.]

#### CIVILIAN CLOTHES IS SUBJECT COMMITTEE IS TO TALK OVER TODAY

The territorial affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting this afternoon in the office of L. Tenney Peck, First National bank, to talk over the plans for securing an order from Washington allowing the enlisted men of Oahu to wear civilian clothes upon suitable occasions. Another matter to come before the committee this afternoon is that of the selection of delegates from the chamber to the civic convention on Maui next month.

After he had taken the poor man's oath George Smith, who for the past year has been serving sentence in Oahu prison on a charge of having embezzled postoffice funds, was released Saturday afternoon by United States Commissioner George S. Curry. During the last six months of his sentence, Smith served as a trusty, doing janitor work in the federal building.

#### MONUMENTS

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### BRASS PLATE PRESENTED TO THE MISSOURIAN

Chamber of Commerce Commemorates First Panama Canal Trip to Hawaii

[Presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu to the Steamship Missourian, William Lyons, master, in commemoration of its being the first vessel to arrive at Honolulu from the Atlantic Ocean through the Panama Canal. Honolulu, Hawaii, September 16, 1914.]

Bearing the inscription above, a handsome memorial plate was presented to Capt. Wm. Lyons, veteran skipper of the American-Hawaiian freighter Missourian, at a luncheon given today by the Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon took place at the Commercial Club and was attended by a large number of business and professional men of the city. Befitting the unpretentious and businesslike way in which the Missourian accomplished her commercial achievement and linked Hawaii with the opening of the great American waterway, the ceremonies today were few and informal. Former Governor George R. Carter, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided. At the guests' table were the guest of honor, Capt. (Continued on page three)

#### SENATOR CECIL BROWN SUFFERS STROKE; IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Senator Cecil Brown, president of the First National Bank of Hawaii, is in a critical condition on the coast according to a cablegram received Saturday afternoon.

While the message failed to give any details of the senator's illness it stated that he had suffered a severe stroke and that his condition was serious.

Several efforts have been made today to secure further information but so far as can be learned no attention has thus far been paid to the cables sent out from Honolulu. It is believed that Senator Brown is in a hospital in San Francisco.